

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is an autosomal dominant disorder which may be inherited from a parent who has NF or may be the result of a new or spontaneous mutation in the developing fetus; and,

WHEREAS, Each child of an affected parent has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the gene and developing NF; and,

WHEREAS, The symptoms of NF include small nodules on or just under the skin; large tumors just under the skin, often along the course of peripheral nerves; curvature of the spine; enlargement and deformation of bones; pseudo-arthritis; tumors on the auditory nerves which may cause deafness; tumors on the optic nerves which may cause blindness; and tumors of the brain or spinal cord; and,

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis affects approximately one of every 3,000 births, making neurofibromatosis among the most common of hereditary disorders; and,

WHEREAS, The National Neurofibromatosis Foundation is a national voluntary nonprofit health organization whose primary goals are to promote and support research, to provide information and general assistance to those who are afflicted, to educate the nonafflicted, and to act as a resource on NF for medical and health professionals; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to join in efforts to educate the public about NF:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 1989 as

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS MONTH

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE